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## LOUISVILLE WARMLY WELCOMES C.L.A. CONVENTIONERS

Following Pontifical Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Ky., the fifth annual convention of the C.L.A. was formally opened at Nazareth College, on Wednesday, March 31, by Mr. Paul R. Byrne, president. Bearing the greeting of Bishop Floersh, Rev. George A. Saffin, president of the Louisville Parent-Teachers Association, cordially welcomed the visitors and extended his hearty best wishes for a pleasant and profitable stay in the great metropolis of the South.

As a fitting introduction to the program, Mr. Byrne traced the founding and development of the first library school whose golden anniversary is now being celebrated. Glowing tribute was paid to Melvil Dewey, whose three-fold contribution to library progress in America is without parallel, namely, decimal classification, development of the A.L.A., and the first library school.

Brother Adalbert, C.F.X., of Louisville, presided over the afternoon session, featuring the address of Mr. Harold F. Brigham, librarian of the Louisville Public Library. Important current literature by Catholic authors was fully dwelt upon by Miss Alma L'Hommedieu, librarian, Athenaeum of Ohio. The province of the teacher-librarian in the scheme of education was carefully and soundly explained by Sister Mary Bernadette, S.C.N., librarian of Nazareth College.

The high school round table discussion immediately followed the close of the formal program of the first day. Editing of classified list of books and magazines for Catholic high schools engaged the attention of the participants until late afternoon.

### Thursday Sessions

Rev. F. A. Mullin, librarian of the Catholic University of America, called the third general session to order on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Sister Marie Cecilia, C.S.J., Director of the Library School, College of St. Catherine, delivered a well-thought-out paper, "What will make the revised Shaw list of value to Catholic college libraries?" Pointed discussion then centered upon various phases of the proposed supplement of Catholic books to the revised Shaw list. The cooperation of all librarians was asked in the compilation of this representative group of Catholic titles.

Mr. Otto A. Rothert, president of the Filson Club of Louisville, was warmly received. The speaker outlined the purpose of the Club, which was, in the main, to gather and preserve material bearing upon the history of Kentucky. Mr. Rothert highly praised Sister M. Romona Mattingly's dissertation, "The Catholic Church on the Kentucky frontier to 1812," because of the scholarly and unbiased treatment of the subject.

"An analysis of the college library standards as set forth by the North Central Association" was competently advanced by Sister Cecil, C.S.J., Professor of Library Science, College of St. Catherine. A brief discussion brought to a close the morning program.

Mr. Laurence A. Leavey, librarian of Fordham University, presided over the afternoon session. Due to her unavoidable absence, Mr. Byrne read Miss Mabel K. Reinhardt's paper, "How will the current trends toward certification affect Catholic school libraries?" This topic precipitated an informative discussion with regard to A.L.A. and North Central requirements.

"Cataloging for High School Libraries," written by Miss Mary C. Foley, Head Cataloger of the Louisville Public Library, was read by Miss Marion Stoner of the same library. Of no small interest was the exchange of opinion with regard to the possibilities of student assistants being entrusted with the typing and filing of cards.

Round table deliberations were then in order. The College section was ably led by Rev. Colman Farrell, O.S.B., librarian, St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan. Particular attention was given to a consideration of Mrs. Lynn's Classification with a view to clearing up any difficulties. The Hospitals section, a new departure in the C.L.A., was directed by Sister Mary Helen, S.C.N., SS. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, Louisville.

### Business Meeting

The final session of the convention was called to order on Friday morning, April 2, by John M. O'Loughlin, Secretary-Treasurer of the C.L.A. Reports of Secretary-Treasurer, Editor of the WORLD, Committee on Cataloging and Classification, Executive Committee, Resolutions Committee, etc., were read and accepted. Mr. Byrne announced that all standing appointive committees had been dissolved and new committees would be appointed summarily.

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### AT OUR SERVICE

One of the striking features of the Louisville convention was the unbounded hospitality of the Community at Nazareth College. At the very door visitors were met with a smiling welcome, and from then on gestures of friendly help melted away that sense of being in a strange land. The Reverend Mother, the Reverend Dean, Sister Canisius, members of the Community, all personified that Southern hospitality of which we had heard so much. Sister Canisius discharged her duties as chairman of the convention in charming fashion. All details were looked after. Gracious young ladies anticipated our wishes and were ready to serve us at every turn. The sight-seeing trips to Nazareth and Bardstown on Friday afternoon were treats long to be remembered. Courtesy and hospitality! Visitors to Nazareth College found there is a depth of meaning in those words.

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### NEW YORK UNIT TO ORGANIZE AT FORDHAM MAY 15

Mr. Laurence A. Leavey, librarian of Fordham University, announces that an organization meeting of the New York Unit of the C.L.A. will be held at Fordham on Saturday, May 15, at 2 P.M. The meeting is open to all Catholic librarians from Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island and Westchester. A cordial invitation is extended to others in the immediate vicinity who care to be present and participate in the discussions.

### SPECIMEN BALLOT

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The above is a specimen copy of the ballot which will be mailed about April 20 to paid-up members of the C. L. A.

Marked ballots should be returned to Sister Reparata by May 15.

### HOSPITAL LIBRARIES SECTION OF C.L.A. FORMED AT ST. LOUIS

An informal organization meeting of the Hospital Libraries Section of the C.L.A. was held at South Side Catholic High School on the morning of Washington's Birthday.

The need for a discussion group of this kind was recognized and willingness to form a definite unit for subsequent meetings was expressed. Happily, there was no difficulty in persuading those present to freely ask questions and express opinions. It was clearly evident that hospital librarians are interested in each other and there is every assurance that the April meeting will bring forth further expression, suggestion and progressive planning.

The subject of cooperative buying of library supplies and books vied with the subject of compilation of a Catholic Hospital Library book list (to supplement a very fine but incomplete one issued quarterly by the American Hospital Association) in prominence as constituting major present problems. Inquiries are being made as to the advantage of hospital librarians' pooling of orders and placing them in the hands of a broker who could possibly secure the purchases at a lower price than would be obtained by individual buying. The feasibility of this plan (discussed at some



length at the general session) will be thoroughly investigated and reported at the April meeting.

Preliminary to the consideration of a book list is acceptance of the fact that hospitals sometimes hesitate to install library service because of the fear that expense and radical change in routine are the necessary accompaniments of the activity. The arrangement whereby as many as one hundred books are borrowed from the Traveling Libraries of the Saint Louis Public Library, free of charge, for an unlimited time, requiring only reasonable care in avoiding loss and damage and submission of a monthly circulation report, was pointed out as the simplest solution of the problem of those hospitals which are without funds, nevertheless desirous of placing good reading material in their patients' waiting hands. In this connection, emphasis was laid on the statement that a separate library room with extensive furnishings is not essential for the functioning of a hospital library, nor even is a book cart essential, desirable as both may be, because books can be kept in closets on the floors, made accessible at certain hours of certain days through the nurses or Sister Supervisors, and thus be adequate for the need as well as protected from loss; the prime purpose of the hospital library is circulation of books to patients and external appearances are wholly non-essential in the face of this need.

Two of the Catholic hospitals represented at this meeting use book deposits from the Traveling Libraries. One hospital uses a rental bookshelf (books and shelf received from a rental book company which furnishes both without money deposit and claims 70 per cent of the profit from the 3 cents per day charge); in this case, care is taken to not advertise the project among the patients for fear that it will overshadow the important fact of the gratuitous service of the hospital library service which the librarian feels is its chief drawing card and talking point and must always remain so; patrons of the rental shelf are the graduate nurses, doctors and the visiting public.

In the instance of the collection from Traveling Libraries and that of the Rental Bookshelf, censorship was immediately recognized as the imperative need. As immediate as was that recognition, was the realization that a book list to which a busy, conscientious Catholic Hospital Librarian could confidently refer and upon which she could trustfully depend is one of the first problems awaiting solution. Cooperative buying, with the aid of such a list, was agreed upon as the apparent acme of hospital library efficiency.

Points of discussion touched upon and anticipated for the next meeting were: ways of advertising the hospital library as means of encouraging interest and substantial support; second-hand bookshops, book sales and the Mercantile Library as possible channels through which a hospital library might add to its col-

lection at minimum expense; exchanges with second-hand bookshops of old books and outdated textbooks for usable books for the hospital library, the various and beautiful bindings of books and magazines which one hospital librarian has succeeded in making an outstanding feature of her well organized service.

Miss Margaret M. DeLisle of St. Mary's was chairman of the meeting.

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#### THE LIBRARIAN'S VIEW OF THE PUBLISHER IN THE CATHOLIC LITERARY EMERGENCE

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In the past, those most competent to speak have frequently declared that if the teachings of the Catholic Church were brought before the peoples of the world in their true character, the 20th century would witness a new flowering of Catholicism, a triumph unparalleled since the days of the primitive church. Today, we can no longer sit back to observe that such could be the case: there is need for positive action. It behooves us to act as if we were participants in the final battle between integral communism or state absolutism and integral christianity. Russia, Mexico, and Spain tell us that the age of compromise is over. Our hope is in a positive, militant Catholicism.

In an age which admits of a bankrupt protestantism and one in which practical agnosticism and atheism sweep before us, there is ever heard the plea for a church which can speak with Divine authority. Men are reaching out once more after things which are theirs, their Christian heritage. The forces of a revived Catholicism seek to assist men to re-discover what they have lost, but the forces opposed to the Catholic tradition have been aroused by re-kindled Catholicism and are putting forth their strongest opposition to still the voice of the Catholic Revival. Their intensified activity should serve to muster our unqualified support of all phases of the Catholic Revival. However, as publishers and librarians that phase of the Catholic Revival which is concerned with the printed word concerns us most vitally. To give impetus to the movement, to stimulate and yet refine its productivity, to extend its influence: these are our problems.

The quantity and quality of the literature produced today makes it desirable to view that output somewhat critically. There has been a conviction among the librarians that the publishing business was marked by a considerable degree of overproduction but that unqualified conviction no longer prevails. In its stead, any overproduction is viewed not so much as the resultant number of titles, as the great variation in their quality. The librarian's plea today is not for fewer titles, but for greater quality in titles produced. The prestige of the Catholic Literary Revival will increase in proportion to the degree to which its litera-

ture is marked by improved standards of scholarship. Its effectiveness, however, will depend on the extent of its appeal. If we cannot afford to fail to emphasize scholarship, neither can we afford to fail to extend the appeal of our literature.

It has been said of the Catholic writer that "he will spare himself much disappointment later on, if he understands at the outset that a Catholic literature can never hope to please the world." It is true that the Catholic writer is confronted with the problem of being interesting and yet Catholic. But it is equally true that the Catholic can write masterpieces, as is proved by the masterpieces themselves, although they do appear infrequently. Librarians, however, will be satisfied by less than masterpieces. Yes, outstanding titles meeting studied needs will suffice.

When one views the output of some of our authors, one cannot help but feel that there exist writers who write too much. Owen Francis Dudley emphasizes this point when he says, "an author who does not allow himself time to form new ideas, to acquire new material, to evolve new thinkage, to study further, to do fresh research, will merely dwindle off into the banalities and truisms of the ordinary rut." If possible, such men should be halted on their downward grade. There is no assurance that slowing up the tempo of the voluminous writer will improve the quality of his work, but where a writer persists in repeating himself, it could result in economy for both publisher and librarian. The technique will always be care in the selection of manuscripts.

The young, potentially good writer should be a matter of considerable concern to both the publisher and librarian. Today, the ordinary approach to a literary career is through experience on a metropolitan newspaper, or through writing for periodicals. If he chooses the former as a means to realize his desire to gain a place for himself as a Catholic writer, he soon becomes absorbed in a type of work which tends to deaden any idealism which might have been his. If he chooses the latter, chances are that unless he has independent means of support, his economic status will not be too pleasant. We can sit back to lament the dearth of young lay literary talent, but until we evolve a sound technique for the care and feeding of young writers, that dearth will continue to prevail. The lay teachers in our Catholic schools also find it difficult to participate actively in the Literary Revival. Sometime in the life of every college professor there comes the urge to write a book in his chosen field. Ofttimes it is just as well that the ambition is not realized, but sometimes the frustration represents a loss. Teachers in our state universities ordinarily have lighter teaching loads, adequate secretarial help and usually the benefit of a sabbatical leave. Under such circumstances, effective work can be done. Some of our men are doing effective work

under present conditions; that number will increase as opportunities for constructive work are provided. Perhaps Catholic philanthropists will some day see fit to establish foundations to assist in furthering the Literary Revival, or so to endow our schools as to enable them to grant further assistance to the staff members who desire to do creative work.

Neither has the publisher exhausted his opportunities for giving encouragement to the two classes referred to. When and if funds are available, the incentive of an annual literary prize, or several, might well be attempted in an effort to encourage capable writers to seek a literary career.

After the publisher has sought out a need, after he has carefully selected a manuscript for publication, the form the book will take becomes of major importance. Within recent years, publishers have been giving greater consideration to the desires of the reader and librarian on the subject of format and typography. Since a book must stand heavy wear and tear in library use, the librarian is interested in sound physical makeup. Durability and attractiveness are important assets; durability, for a maximum of use; attractiveness, for wider appeal. If a book is sewed with poor thread, if the boards are covered with cheap cloth, the money that would otherwise go for new books must go to pay rebinding costs. Since the interest in durability is confined largely to librarians, the advisability of library editions will ordinarily merit consideration. Another way out would be to increase the quality at the nominal cost required. Librarians, generally would favor such a plan. A third technique is to have the book resealed and recased, or rebound before putting the book to use. This necessarily involves a delay in getting the book to the reader; in addition, the cost is prohibitive for most libraries.

The exceptions to the rule are so limited that it hardly seems necessary to emphasize the need for clear, well-leaded type. Such criticism as is justified must be leveled against the older books still in print, especially re-issues made from worn plates.

What has been said of type is equally true of the paper used. With libraries available on paper and paper making, we need only remind the publisher that one aspect of the librarian's work is that of preservation.

Ordinarily, if a book is worth publishing at all, it merits an adequate index. Competent indexers are everywhere available. There is no reasonable excuse for inadequate indices.

Footnotes, too, are sometimes allowed to constitute a problem. If footnotes are worth including at all, they should be placed at the bottom of the page. Nothing irritates a conscientious footnote follower more than having to turn to the end of the chapter to find the explanatory note.



request the publisher to procure more adequate reviews for his books in the secular reviews, for publishers, too, desire adequate reviews, but the limitations of the reviews received often result in postponement of orders. Most librarians wait for adequate reviews before ordering new books by unknown authors.

When it becomes necessary to rely on Catholic reviews, as is ordinarily the case, a considerable delay is inevitable since our journals seemingly advance but little effort toward having the reviews appear simultaneously with the book. Perhaps the publisher is at fault, too, in not sending advance copies for review. An effective yet economical way of announcing new books and one which is being adopted quite generally, is that of sending out notices on three by five cards. These lend themselves to ready reference and provide the librarian with an ideal means of recording titles for future purchase.

After a book has been purchased for the library, the librarian's concern is that of getting the book ready for use, but frequently he is delayed by inability to get Library of Congress cards. Publishers can alleviate this situation by depositing copies of all books with the Library of Congress as soon as available. It, of course, is true that the librarian can set himself to cataloging the book and thereby avoid the delay, but this represents an unnecessary waste of time.

In conclusion I wish to express the hope that the future will be a constant repetition of the ideal: the best books for the greatest number at the least possible cost.

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### THIRTY-FIVE LIBRARIES REPRESENTED AT ST. LOUIS MEETING

The librarians of St. Louis and vicinity met for their third meeting on February 22 at South Side Catholic High School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent. About 60 librarians representing 35 libraries attended.

The morning session was held at South Side Catholic High. After an opening address by Rev. Bernard Timpe, Assistant Superintendent of Diocesan High Schools of St. Louis, Father Henry Regnet, S.J., Librarian of St. Louis University, led a discussion on "Budgeting the Library Account." Among other topics, the question of cooperative buying came up and the possibility of several schools pooling their resources in order to get better prices on books was discussed. Schools forming natural groups, such as those conducted by one Religious Order or Diocesan schools, could best carry out this plan. Time did not permit that anything be put into practice then and there, so it was decided that at the next meeting any who had tried it could enlighten the group as to their success.

The second discussion of the morning, led by Brother James McMenamy, S.M., of South Side Catholic, was on "Reorganization of the library." Brother James told of some of the difficulties he met in reorganizing the library at South Side, and how he managed them. He advocated the wider use of student librarian help in routine clerical work, in cataloging and classification. He also spoke of the use of the summer vacation as an opportune time for more intensive work of reorganization. In the discussion that followed, it was recommended that standard guides, such as those put out by the A.L.A. and Wilson Company, be used to insure uniformity in the work.

The third talk, "Guiding the Adolescent in His Reading," was delivered by Brother George Schuster, S.M., of Maryhurst Normal, Kirkwood, Mo. This enlightening discussion brought out the great responsibility of the librarian in guiding the youth in his reading. He warned against recommending books just because they are written by a Catholic author or reviewed in a Catholic periodical. The reviews are written for adults and frequently do not point out parts that would be objectionable to adolescents.

At 12 there was intermission and lunch. The meeting reconvened at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent at 2 o'clock.

Sister Bernadette, O.S.F., librarian of the Convent, led the first discussion on the afternoon on the subject of the "Catholic Library and Adult Education." The discussion served chiefly to present the great need for facilities for Catholics to continue their Catholic education. There is comparatively little such opportunity as yet. It was remarked that in some parishes Catholic libraries are conducted by the parish for adult patronage, but this is but in a few scattered places. The high school library could be opened to the alumni if a workable method of financing the added demands could be devised. Miss Gratiaa, Librarian of the Catholic Free Library of St. Louis, pointed out that the Catholics of St. Louis have a wonderful collection of Catholic books at their disposal, supported by the Public Library funds.

Sister Julice of Rosati-Kain High School made a very interesting and informative report on the Catholic Library Convention in Chicago during the Xmas holidays.

After a business discussion the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

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We are grateful to Sister Frances Clare for a copy of the Bulletin of the Library Science Department of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio. In the list of graduates and students of this enterprising library school we were happy to note the names of several old-time members of the C.L.A.

## NEW BOOKS

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

#### Selection for April

Mullen, Pat. *Hero Breed*. 423 pp. New York: McBride. \$2.50.

This is the story of the Aran Islanders, supposedly ignorant Irish, but in reality a linguistically gifted people.

### THE SPIRITUAL BOOK ASSOCIATES

#### Selection for March

Farrow, John. *Damien the Leper*. Foreword by Hugh Walpole. Frontispiece by Jean Charlot. 272 pp. New York: Sheed. \$2.50.

From carefully gathered first-hand material the Hollywood film executive and husband of Maureen O'Sullivan has made a splendid portrait of the Apostle of Molokai, his faults as well as his heroism.

#### Selection for April

Groote, Gerard. *The Following of Christ*. Newly translated from the Dutch by Joseph Malaise, S.J. Introduction. 334 pp. New York: America Press, \$2.50.

Unlike all previous versions of the *Following*, which have been translated from the Latin version made in 1441 by Thomas à Kempis, this is a direct translation from the original Dutch text of the real author, the saintly deacon, Gerard Groote, and differs from other English editions in arrangement and content.

### THE PRO PARVULIS BOOK CLUB

#### Selections for April

##### Boys 10-14 Years Old

Kelly, Regina. *King Richard's Squire*. New York: Crowell. \$2.00.

A tale of knighthood in the England of Chaucer and of Richard II, the last English king who abdicated, introducing the description of a coronation as held in the days when England was Catholic.

##### Girls 10-14 Years Old

Doorly, Eleanor. *The Insect Man*. New York: Appleton-Century. \$1.75.

A lovely story of Henri Fabre; four charming children take a tour through Fabre's famous French gardens and his home, learning meanwhile the history of the great naturalist and his discoveries.

Thompson, Blanche Jennings. *Bible Children: Stories from the Bible*. Illustrated in color by Kate Seredy. New York: Dodd Mead. \$1.50.

In the text of the new Westminster version of the Bible are told the stories of all the children of the Old and New Testaments, each provided with a picture, this being genuinely religious in tone, artistically good, and dramatically expressed; altogether a glorious book for infusing into children a knowledge and appreciation of the Scripture.

### PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Cox, Rev. Ignatius W., S.J. *Liberty—Its Use and Abuse*. Vol. I. Bibliography. Appendix. New York: Fordham University Press. \$2.00.

The first volume of a text in ethics, adapted to group discussion and admirably constructed on the basic principles of Scholastic Moral Philosophy and taking into account social needs and reforms.

Gardeil, Rev. Antoine, O.P. *The Gifts of the Holy Ghost in the Dominican Saints*. Translated by Rev. Anselm M. Townsend, O.P. Dominican Library of Spiritual Works. Introduction. xi and 137 pp. Milwaukee: Bruce. \$1.50.

Following a learned and complete exposition of the theology of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Père Gardeil examines the play of these gifts in the lives of the Dominican Saints Louis Bertrand, Vincent Ferrer, Rose of Lima, Catherine de Ricci, John of Gorkum, Peter Martyr, Agnes of Montepulciano, Pope Pius V, Raymond of Pennafort, Antoninus, Dominic, Hyacinth, Catherine of Sienna, and Thomas Aquinas.

Garrigou-Lagrange, Rev. R., O.P. *God: His Existence and His Nature*. A Thomistic Solution of Certain Agnostic Antinomies. Translated from the Fifth French Edition by Dom Bede Rose, O.S.B., D.D. Vol. II—The Nature of God and His Attributes. vi and 576 pp. St. Louis: Herder. \$4.00.

Completing the distinguished work of one of the foremost of modern Thomists, this volume is an exhaustive study of the Nature of God, integrating the teachings of Faith and the philosophical aspects of the subject.

Loehr, Emiliana, O.S.B. *The Year of Our Lord*. Translated by an American Benedictine. Foreword by Abbot Anscar Vonier, O.S.B. Introduction by Dom Odo Casel, O.S.B. 432 pp. New York: Kenedy. \$2.75.

Dame Emiliana, Benedictine of the Holy Cross Monastery, Herstelle, Westphalia, supplies herein simply written and inspiring commentaries, suitable for reading or meditation, on the Sunday masses of the year, showing the mystic facts of the Divine Redemption as contained in the liturgy of the Church Year.

Power, Very Rev. Albert, S.J. *Plain Reasons for Being a Catholic*. 203 pp. New York: Pustet. \$1.25.

This book of an Australian Jesuit, author of many successful apologetic works, is addressed simply to the reasoning powers of Catholics and non-Catholics.

### SOCIOLOGY AND EDUCATION

Breherer, Robert G., Jr. *Social Doctrines of the Catholic Church*. Preface by Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P. New York: Putnam. \$2.00.

The social and economic teaching of the Church objectively and concisely stated, making this book a boon to the general reader.

Quigley, Martin. *Decency in Motion Pictures*. New York: Macmillan. \$1.00.

The editor of the *Motion Picture Herald* gives the story of the Legion of Decency, in which he was a prominent figure, and discusses in clear and timely manner the standards of morality in pictures, the functions of art, block-booking and blind selling, double bills, the foreign film, and the Production Code Administration.

*Education With a Tradition*. An Account of the Educational Work of the Society of the Sacred Heart. London: University of London Press.

A record from the original sources of the contribution of the Society of the Sacred Heart to world-wide educational methods.

### POETRY AND ESSAYS

Baring, Maurice. *Have You Anything to Declare?* A Note Book with Commentaries. 326 pp. New York: Knopf. \$2.75.

A miscellany of prose and verse declared by this eminent author and diplomat to be the literary luggage with which he has traveled all his life; selected with balance and taste from ancient and modern literatures, the collection has the added excellence of affording splendid translations and commentaries from the pen of Mr. Baring.

Bonn, John Louis, S.J. *Canticle and Other Poems*. 106 pp. Boston: Bruce Humphries. \$2.00.

Lyrical pieces of good quality, many of the best being classical in theme and form.

Bouknight, John. *The Oreads and Other Poems*. viii and 103 pp. New York: Kenedy. \$1.75.

"The Oreads," a longer poem, and many short verses, some reprinted from Catholic periodicals.

Dineen, John Edward. *Hilaire Belloc's Selected Essays*. Portrait. Philadelphia: Lippincott. \$2.50.

Twenty-five brilliant essays, discriminately chosen by the professor of English, St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, from the less serious ones of the great Belloc.

Meehan, Rev. John. *Songs of a Chimney Swallow*. San Francisco: John Nash. \$2.50.

Pleasing verses on a variety of themes.

Wirries, Mary Mabel. *Gay Witch April*. Illustrated by Edward E. Hartzell. Phoenix, Arizona: 203 E. Indian School Road. \$1.85 post paid.

Beautifully bound and printed is this charming book of poetry, mainly for children, which is genuinely Catholic and authentic in its appeal to the dreams and emotions of young people.

### HISTORY

Raemers, Rev. Sidney A. *Church History: For the Use of Secondary Schools*. Illustrated. Index. 564 pp. St. Louis: Herder. \$2.25.

The translator of Dom Poulet's history of the Church for more advanced students has adapted his material for younger students and adult readers.

### BIOGRAPHY

Curtayne, Alice. *Jean-Baptiste Debrabant*. Paterson, N. J.: St. Anthony Guild Press. \$1.00.

Published in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his Congregation in this country is this well-written account of Debrabant and of the development of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Mullaly, Rev. Charles J. *The Priest Who Failed and Other Stories*. Preface. New York: Apostleship of Prayer. \$1.00.

A collection of concise biographies of holy persons written in popular style and including those of Saint Noel Chabanel, S.J., Mother St. John Fontbonne, C.S.J., Father Miguel Augustine Pro, S.J., Rev. William Joseph Chaminade, S.M., Father Constant Lievens, S.J., Kateri Tekakwitha, Father Luis de Segura, Eugénie-Marie-Pascaline Fenoglio (Eva La Valliere), Padre Lino, Father Sebastian Rasle, S.J., and Saint Thomas More.



Sackville-West, Victoria. *Saint Joan of Arc*. New York: Doubleday Doran. \$3.00.

The life-work and historical background of Saint Joan are presented with honesty, scholarship, and literary attractiveness by this prominent English novelist and poet.

#### FICTION

Clarke, Isabel C. *Family Symphony*. 344 pp. New York: Longmans Green. \$2.50.

A story dealing with the reaction of four daughters to the tyranny of their Victorian father.

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